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SUBJ: US ARMS SALE TO YEMEN

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1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR JORDAN WITH DPTY PRIMIN SHAIKH KHALIFA, I DISCUSSED WITH MINSTATE HABROUSH ON JUNE 2 MODALITY OF ABU DHABI PAYMENT FOR ARMS BEING PROCURED FOR YEMEN FROM US MIL STOCKS. FOLLOWING AMB'S DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH SHAIKH ZAYID (REFTEL B), SHAIKH KHALIFA HAD INSTRUCTED HABROUSH TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF PAYMENT WITH EMBASSY.

2. SINCE HABROUSH HAD NOT BEEN PRIVY TO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
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THIS SUBJECT, NOR HAD HE SEEN SUMMARY OF INFO CONTAINED IN

LO/S PRESENTED BY YEMENI COS MESWARI, HE ASKED CHARGE SUMMARIZE FOR HIM PERTINENT DETAILS THIS TRANSACTION WHICH WE DID IN ENGLISH LANG MEMO. OUR MEMO ALSO INCORPORATED INFO CONTAINED REFTEL A. TO BE ON SAFE SIDE WITH RESPECT TO TOTAL COST OF ARMS AND ATTENDANT SHIPPING CHARGES, I SUGGESTED, AND HABROUSH AGREED, THAT SMALL EXTRA AMOUNT SHOULD BE ADDED TO CURRENT ESTIMATE TO COVER ANY UNFORESEEN COSTS. HABROUSH WAS INFORMED THAT IF FINAL COST LESS THAN PAYMENT, RESIDUE WOULD BE REIMBURSED BY USG TO ABU DHABI GOVT.

3. A. EMBASSY INFORMED JUNE 3 BY HABROUSH THAT HE INSTRUCTED DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BUTTER TO REMIT PAYMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$2.8 RPT \$2.8 MILL TO USG PRIOR TO JUNE 10. LATER SAME DAY SPOKE WITH BUTTER WHO SAID HE PREFERS REMIT PAYMENT TO USG VIA NATIONAL BANK OF ABU DHABI ACCOUNT HELD BY MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST CO. IN NY, RATHER THAN TRANSFERRING DOLLAR CHECK TO EMBASSY, AN ARRANGEMENT MINFINANCE FINDS FISCALLY AWKWARD.

B. BEFORE INSTRUCTING MORGAN TRANSFER MONEY, BUTTER HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY DESIGNATE USG ACCOUNT TO WHICH FUNDS SHOULD BE CREDITED. WE ASSUME THIS TO BE NEW CUMBERLAND DEPOT, PA., BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/DOD PROVIDING EXACT PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST AS BUTTER WISHES FINALIZE TRANSACTION THROUGH MORGAN BY FRIDAY JUNE 7.
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